

## William Berkeley Lewis to Andrew Jackson, July 1, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### MAJOR WILLIAM B. LEWIS TO JACKSON.

Washington, July 1, 1831.

*D'r Genl.* Yours of the 28th Ultimo was recd. yesterday by the Steam Boat Potomac. You complain of not ha[v]ing recd. either letters or papers, up to that time, since your arrival there. I was rather negligent in not writing you on last Sunday, which would have reached you by the Tuesdays boat, but as I stated to you in my letter of Monday, I was so busily engaged in looking over your old letters and papers, that I had not time. I have written every day since Monday, excepting yesterday; and I informed you in my letter of Monday, if my recollection serves me correctly, that I had put into Mr. Kendalls hands all the letters I could find having any bearing upon the Calhoun affair, and I have no doubt but he is giving them his particular attention. I think it probable, however, that he has devoted the most of his time this week to the other affair of which you speak in your letter.

Herewith I send you several packages of letters and news papers. Some of the letters are from Nashville, one endorsed in the hand writing of Col. R. Butler, and one from the Gov. of Georgia, which latter I have thought you would probably have more time to read and reflect on at the Rip Raps than here. Major Barry has left with me several packages for Judge Overton which I doubt not contains all the information, of any importance, he has. Mr. Livingston and Gov. Woodbury<sup>1</sup> are both in good health, and are giving great satisfaction in their respective Departments; so also are the acting Secretaries of the Treasury and War Departments.

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1 Levi Woodbury, of New Hampshire, was Secretary of the Navy from May 23, 1831, to 1834.

Your friends here are all in good health; and Kendall is engaged in moving to a house he recently has taken, not far from the State Department.

You will receive by the Boat to day the American Sentinel which contains, I am told for I have not seen it, the substance of Inghams dinner speech on his return to Burks; no doubt revised and corrected by himself. In this it is said he introduces Major Barry, and intimates that he had a principal agency in bringing about the state of things which existed at the time of his departure. But the leading object of his speech, I am told, is to connect you with the transaction. However, Jones will, I presume send you the paper as I directed him last sunday to put up, at the Post Office, all the leading Journals sent to you. . . .